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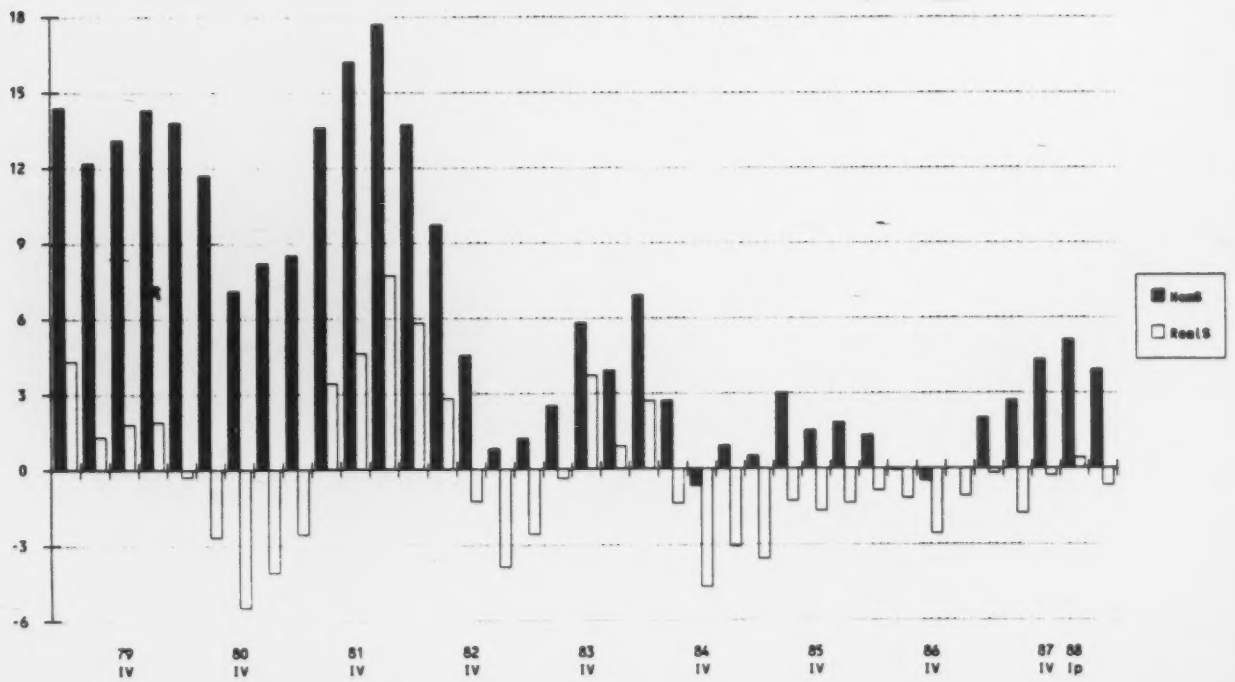

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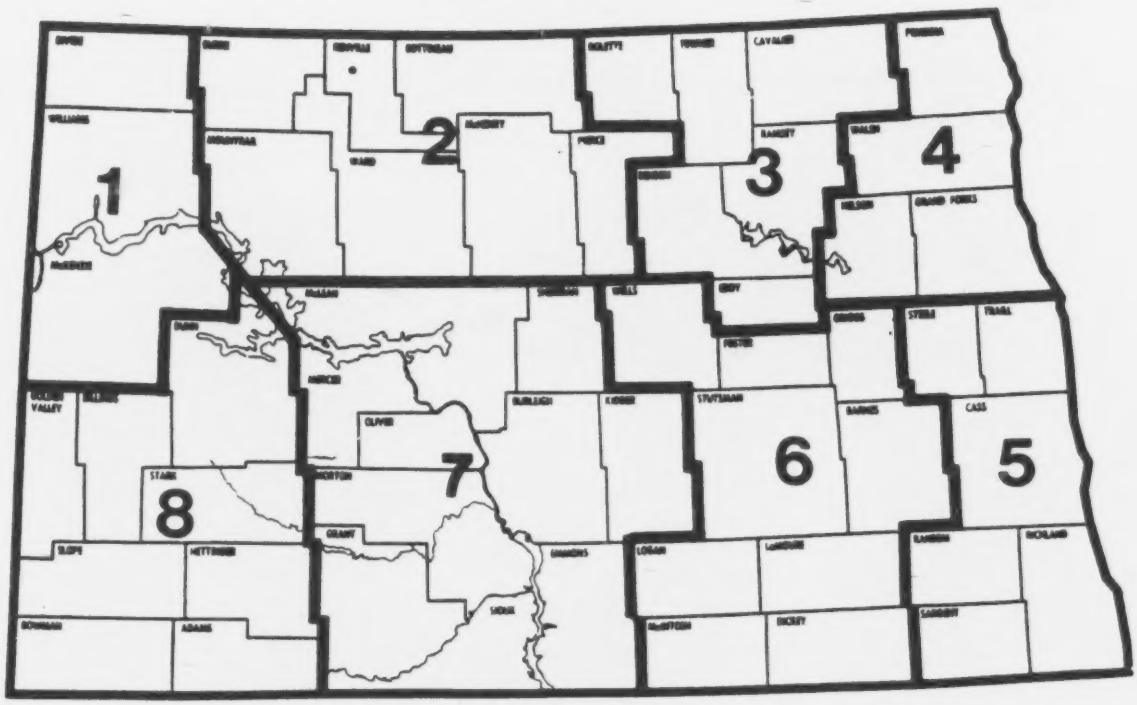

STATE PLANNING REGIONS

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NORTH DAKOTA'S FIRST QUARTER 1988 NONFARM WAGES INCREASE

Earnings per wage and salary nonfarm job rose to an average monthly rate of $1,351.19 in the first quarter of the year. Nonfarm average earnings increased by 1.9 percent, or by $24.79 over the first quarter of 1987. However, adjusting first quarter 1988 average wages for inflation shows that earnings per job fell by 2.7 percent when compared with earnings for the first quarter of 1987.

Despite the relatively low rate of inflation, average earnings per job have failed to show real growth during five of the past six quarters. Falling real earnings per job have occurred, in part, because the number of new jobs has been growing at a faster rate than the wages associated with them.

By the second quarter of 1987, new jobs in the services-producing sector had replaced higher paying jobs lost in the goods-producing industries of mining, construction, and manufacturing. During the second half of 1987 and the winter of 1987/88, the number of wage and salary jobs increased at an average rate exceeding 1.5 percent. Although many of these new jobs were found in such industries as health care, business, professional, and personal services, it appears that a substantial share of new jobs either pay comparatively low wages or are part-time. The number of nonfarm jobs, insured under the state's Job Insurance program, grew by 2 percent during the first quarter to 230,068 (preliminary). But total wages paid only increased by 3.9 percent, to $932.6 million -- not quite enough for average earnings per job to keep up with a 4 percent first quarter rate of inflation.

Almost half of all personal income in the state comes from wage and salary earnings. Last year, over $3.76 billion were paid to nonfarm employees. The first quarter of 1988 capped five quarters of strong growth in total wage outlays. Total wages had not expanded at a growth rate in excess of 3 percent or more since the second quarter of 1985. The last three quarters (1987-III, 1987-IV, and 1988-I), however, all showed growth in nominal total earnings in excess of 3 percent. Moreover, total wages exceeded the rate of inflation for the first time in over three years during the final quarter of 1987.

Unless earnings expand at a rate faster than inflation, there is little opportunity for consumer purchases to create the volume of demand which would lead to greater employment opportunities. Consumers must borrow, or draw down saved wages, in order to increase purchases of goods and services when earnings fail to keep pace with the rate of inflation. Even though average earnings per job have failed to keep pace with the rate of inflation, total earnings of $932.6 million in the first quarter of 1988 mark three quarters of faster and more consistent growth than at any time since the state's recessionary period of 1984 to 1986.

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NORTH DAKOTA

(ROUNDED TO FIFTY)

I N D U S T R I E S	CURRENT MONTH JULY 1988	PREVIOUS MONTH JUNE 1988	ONE YEAR AGO JULY 1987	CHANGE FROM: LAST MONTH JUNE 1988	CHANGE FROM: LAST YEAR JULY 1987
TOTAL	256,800	259,500	253,950	-1.0%	1.1%
MINING	4,400	4,400	4,350	0.0%	1.1%
COAL	1,100	1,100	1,100	0.0%	0.0%
CRUDE PET. & NAT. GAS	2,800	2,800	2,700	0.0%	3.7%
OTHER MINING	500	500	550	0.0%	-9.1%
CONSTRUCTION	12,200	11,700	13,100	4.3%	-6.9%
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION	3,100	3,000	3,300	3.3%	-6.1%
STREET HIGHWAY & HEAVY	3,400	3,100	4,000	9.7%	-15.0%
SPECIAL TRADE CONSTRUCTION	5,700	5,600	5,800	1.8%	-1.7%
MANUFACTURING	16,450	16,450	16,100	0.0%	2.2%
DURABLE GOODS	7,100	7,150	6,900	-0.7%	2.9%
STONE, CLAY & GLASS	750	750	800	0.0%	-6.3%
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	850	850	850	0.0%	0.0%
MACHINERY & TRANS. EQUIP.	4,200	4,300	4,000	-2.3%	5.0%
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	1,300	1,250	1,250	4.0%	4.0%
NONDURABLE GOODS	9,350	9,300	9,200	0.5%	1.6%
FOOD & KINDRED PRODUCTS	4,350	4,400	4,500	-1.1%	-3.3%
DAIRY PRODUCTS	850	850	800	0.0%	6.3%
FOOD SPECIALITIES & CONFECTIONERY PRODUCTS	1,250	1,300	1,700	-3.8%	-26.5%
BAKERY PRODUCTS	500	500	350	0.0%	42.9%
OTHER FOOD & KINDRED	1,750	1,750	1,650	0.0%	6.1%
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	2,400	2,400	2,400	0.0%	0.0%
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS	2,600	2,500	2,300	4.0%	13.0%
TRANS. COMM. & UTILITIES	16,600	16,600	16,300	0.0%	1.8%
TRANSPORTATION	8,300	8,400	8,200	-1.2%	1.2%
TRUCKING & WAREHOUSE	4,800	4,900	4,800	-2.0%	0.0%
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	3,500	3,500	3,400	0.0%	2.9%
COMMUNICATION	3,400	3,400	3,200	0.0%	6.3%
UTILITIES	4,900	4,800	4,900	2.1%	0.0%

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

NORTH DAKOTA

(Continued)

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH JULY 1988	PREVIOUS MONTH JUNE 1988	ONE YEAR AGO JULY 1987	CHANGE FROM: LAST MONTH JUNE 1988	CHANGE FROM: LAST YEAR JULY 1987
WHOLESALE TRADE	19,900	20,000	19,700	-0.5%	1.0%
DURABLE GOODS	9,300	9,300	9,300	0.0%	0.0%
NONDURABLE GOODS	10,600	10,700	10,400	-0.9%	1.9%
RETAIL TRADE	49,300	49,400	48,700	-0.2%	1.2%
GENERAL MERCHANDISE	6,200	6,200	6,100	0.0%	1.6%
FOOD STORES	6,800	6,800	6,700	0.0%	1.5%
AUTO DEALERS & SERVICE ST.	6,700	6,700	6,800	0.0%	-1.5%
APPAREL & ACCESSORIES	2,600	2,600	2,500	0.0%	4.0%
OTHER RETAIL	27,000	27,100	26,600	-0.4%	1.5%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	12,550	12,550	12,700	0.0%	-1.2%
FINANCE	6,700	6,700	6,900	0.0%	-2.9%
BANKING	4,200	4,200	4,200	0.0%	0.0%
OTHER FINANCE	2,500	2,500	2,700	0.0%	-7.4%
INSURANCE	4,000	4,000	3,900	0.0%	2.6%
REAL ESTATE	1,850	1,850	1,900	0.0%	-2.6%
SERVICES	64,100	63,800	61,300	0.5%	4.6%
LODGING	4,300	4,300	4,300	0.0%	0.0%
HEALTH SERVICES	27,200	27,000	26,500	0.7%	2.6%
NURSING CARE & HOSPITALS	20,000	19,900	19,500	0.5%	2.6%
OTHER MEDICAL SERVICES	7,200	7,100	7,000	1.4%	2.9%
OTHER SERVICES	32,600	32,500	30,500	0.3%	6.9%
GOVERNMENT	61,300	64,600	61,700	-5.1%	-0.6%
FEDERAL	10,400	10,300	10,500	1.0%	-1.0%
STATE GOVERNMENT	18,000	18,700	17,900	-3.7%	0.6%
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	10,400	11,300	10,200	-8.0%	2.0%
OTHER STATE GOVERNMENT	7,600	7,400	7,700	2.7%	-1.3%
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	32,900	35,600	33,300	-7.6%	-1.2%
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	12,800	15,800	13,500	-19.0%	-5.2%
OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT	20,100	19,800	19,800	1.5%	1.5%

NONAGRICULTURAL

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

I N D U S T R I E S	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	ONE YEAR AGO	CHANGE FROM: LAST MONTH	CHANGE FROM: LAST YEAR
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA	JULY 1988	JUNE 1988	JULY 1987	JUNE 1988	JULY 1987
TOTAL	71,550	72,750	69,200	-1.6%	3.4%
MINING CONSTRUCTION	4,200	4,100	4,100	2.4%	2.4%
MANUFACTURING	4,850	4,950	5,000	-2.0%	-3.0%
DURABLE GOODS	2,100	2,200	2,200	-4.5%	-4.5%
NONDURABLE GOODS	2,750	2,750	2,800	0.0%	-1.8%
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	5,000	4,900	4,500	2.0%	11.1%
TRADE	21,500	21,600	21,000	-0.5%	2.4%
WHOLESALE TRADE	6,700	6,700	6,700	0.0%	0.0%
RETAIL TRADE	14,800	14,900	14,300	-0.7%	3.5%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4,600	4,600	4,500	0.0%	2.2%
SERVICES	19,100	19,000	18,300	0.5%	4.4%
GOVERNMENT	12,300	13,600	11,800	-9.6%	4.2%
FEDERAL	2,100	2,100	2,200	0.0%	-4.5%
STATE & LOCAL	10,200	11,500	9,600	-11.3%	6.3%
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	29,450	29,450	29,600	0.0%	-0.5%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	1,650	1,550	2,200	6.5%	-25.0%
MANUFACTURING	1,750	1,800	1,700	-2.8%	2.9%
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	1,450	1,500	1,500	-3.3%	-3.3%
TRADE	8,400	8,250	8,350	1.8%	0.6%
WHOLESALE TRADE	1,600	1,550	1,550	3.2%	3.2%
RETAIL TRADE	6,800	6,700	6,800	1.5%	0.0%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	1,200	1,150	1,150	4.3%	4.3%
SERVICES	6,800	6,900	6,600	-1.4%	3.0%
GOVERNMENT	8,200	8,300	8,100	-1.2%	1.2%
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	37,200	37,500	36,750	-0.8%	1.2%
MINING	200	200	200	0.0%	0.0%
CONSTRUCTION	1,800	1,700	1,900	5.9%	-5.3%
MANUFACTURING	2,100	2,100	2,000	0.0%	5.0%
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	2,700	2,700	2,600	0.0%	3.8%
TRADE	9,800	9,800	9,800	0.0%	0.0%
WHOLESALE TRADE	2,100	2,100	2,200	0.0%	-4.5%
RETAIL TRADE	7,700	7,700	7,600	0.0%	1.3%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	1,600	1,600	1,650	0.0%	-3.0%
SERVICES	10,700	10,700	10,300	0.0%	3.9%
GOVERNMENT	8,300	8,700	8,300	-4.6%	0.0%

LABOR FORCE

NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	July 1988	June 1988	July 1987	Percent Change From June 1988	Percent Change From July 1987
UNITED STATES					
(In Thousands)					
Labor Force	123,357	123,158	121,610	0.2%	1.4%
Employment	116,732	116,703	114,359	0.0%	2.1%
Unemployment	6,625	6,455	7,251	2.6%	-8.6%
Unemployment Rate	5.4%	5.2%	6.0%	xxx	xxx
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	339,120	337,700	336,260	0.4%	0.9%
Employment	325,230	324,410	321,360	0.3%	1.2%
Unemployment	13,890	13,290	14,900	4.5%	-6.8%
Unemployment Rate	4.1%	3.9%	4.4%	xxx	xxx
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	86,690	86,710	83,880	0.0%	3.4%
Employment	84,350	84,540	81,140	-0.2%	4.0%
Unemployment	2,340	2,170	2,740	7.8%	-14.6%
Unemployment Rate	2.7%	2.5%	3.3%	xxx	xxx
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	36,880	36,550	36,590	0.9%	0.8%
Employment	35,500	35,270	35,330	0.7%	0.5%
Unemployment	1,380	1,280	1,260	7.8%	9.5%
Unemployment Rate	3.7%	3.5%	3.5%	xxx	xxx
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	45,980	45,790	45,360	0.4%	1.4%
Employment	44,040	43,880	43,480	0.4%	1.3%
Unemployment	1,940	1,910	1,880	1.6%	3.2%
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	4.2%	4.1%	xxx	xxx

U. S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted.

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Cass and Clay Counties; the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks County; and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

JUNE 1988
(In Thousands)

	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	337.7	378.9	2,373.9	411.4
Employment	324.4	365.6	2,293.4	385.1
Unemployment	13.3	13.3	80.5	26.3
Unemployment Rate	3.9%	3.5%	3.4%	6.4%

UNITED STATES

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July 1988	June 1988	July 1987	July 1988	June 1988	July 1987	July 1988	June 1988	July 1987
Manufacturing	414.33	418.59	400.72	40.7	41.2	40.6	10.18	10.16	9.87
Durable Goods	440.84	448.33	426.40	41.2	41.9	41.0	10.70	10.70	10.40
Nondurable Goods	378.40	377.48	366.40	40.0	40.2	40.0	9.46	9.39	9.16

NORTH DAKOTA

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July 1988	June 1988	July 1987	July 1988	June 1988	July 1987	July 1988	June 1988	July 1987
Manufacturing	324.37	327.66	320.64	38.8	39.1	38.4	8.36	8.38	8.35
Durable Goods	341.54	349.06	350.21	39.9	40.4	40.3	8.56	8.64	8.69
Nondurable Goods	311.16	311.28	298.96	37.9	38.1	37.0	8.21	8.17	8.08
Food & Kindred	323.14	323.53	302.63	39.6	39.6	37.5	8.16	8.17	8.07
Printing and Publishing	263.54	264.60	259.06	31.6	31.5	31.1	8.34	8.40	8.33

FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July 1988	June 1988	July 1987	July 1988	June 1988	July 1987	July 1988	June 1988	July 1987
Manufacturing	338.58	336.51	304.43	40.5	40.3	35.9	8.36	8.35	8.48
Durable Goods	315.57	322.80	320.04	40.2	40.0	38.1	7.85	8.07	8.40
Nondurable Goods	357.41	347.49	293.61	40.8	40.5	34.3	8.76	8.58	8.56

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

(1982-84=100) ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

ITEM	Annual Average 1987	July 1988	June 1988	July 1987	Percent Change From June 1988	Percent Change From July 1987
All Items	113.6	118.5	118.0	113.8	0.4%	4.1%
Food & Beverage	113.5	118.8	117.6	113.7	1.0%	4.5%
Housing	114.2	119.1	118.6	114.7	0.4%	3.8%
Apparel & Upkeep	110.6	112.7	114.6	107.3	-1.7%	5.0%
Transportation	105.4	108.9	108.5	106.0	0.4%	2.7%
Medical Care	130.1	139.3	138.2	130.7	0.8%	6.6%
Entertainment	115.3	120.5	120.1	115.4	0.3%	4.4%

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX

UNITED STATES AVERAGE

ITEM	Annual Average 1987	July 1988	June 1988	July 1987	Percent Change From June 1988	Percent Change From July 1987
All Commodities	102.8	107.8	107.4	103.5	0.4%	4.2%
Farm Products & Processed Foods and Feeds	103.7	113.0	111.3	105.2	1.5%	7.4%
Industrial Commodities	102.6	106.7	106.5	103.1	0.2%	3.5%

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	July 1988	June 1988	July 1987	July 1988	June 1988	July 1987	July 1988	June 1988	July 1987	July 1988	June 1988	July 1987
Divide	1,563	1,587	1,482	1,516	1,560	1,448	47	27	34	3.0%	1.7%	2.3%
McKenzie	3,176	3,094	3,148	3,067	2,980	2,933	109	114	215	3.4%	3.7%	6.8%
Williams	11,844	11,352	11,615	11,375	10,814	10,543	469	538	1,072	4.0%	4.7%	9.2%
REGION 1	16,583	16,033	16,245	15,958	15,354	14,924	625	679	1,321	3.8%	4.2%	8.1%
Bottineau	3,744	3,817	3,767	3,573	3,667	3,571	171	150	196	4.6%	3.9%	5.2%
Burke	1,422	1,414	1,511	1,368	1,353	1,405	54	61	106	3.8%	4.3%	7.0%
McHenry	2,750	2,827	2,909	2,563	2,628	2,626	187	199	283	6.8%	7.0%	9.7%
Mountrail	3,404	3,470	3,398	3,182	3,255	3,147	222	215	251	6.5%	6.2%	7.4%
Pierce	2,693	2,702	2,619	2,611	2,625	2,516	82	77	103	3.0%	2.8%	3.9%
Renville	1,361	1,304	1,339	1,309	1,261	1,264	52	43	75	3.8%	3.3%	5.6%
Ward	26,650	26,552	25,857	25,507	25,400	24,565	1,143	1,152	1,292	4.3%	4.3%	5.0%
REGION 2	42,024	42,086	41,400	40,113	40,189	39,094	1,911	1,897	2,306	4.5%	4.5%	5.6%
Benson	3,518	3,297	3,335	3,338	3,103	3,016	180	194	319	5.1%	5.9%	9.6%
Cavalier	2,872	2,841	2,808	2,762	2,727	2,659	110	114	149	3.8%	4.0%	5.3%
Eddy	1,454	1,519	1,579	1,361	1,413	1,416	93	106	163	6.4%	7.0%	10.3%
Ramsey	6,758	6,863	6,777	6,508	6,610	6,436	250	253	341	3.7%	3.7%	5.0%
Rolette	4,979	4,886	5,137	4,057	3,965	4,438	922	921	699	18.5%	18.8%	13.6%
Towner	1,763	1,839	1,836	1,728	1,801	1,794	35	38	42	2.0%	2.1%	2.3%
REGION 3	21,344	21,245	21,472	19,754	19,619	19,759	1,590	1,626	1,713	7.4%	7.7%	8.0%
Grand Forks	36,875	36,556	37,031	35,499	35,274	35,821	1,376	1,282	1,210	3.7%	3.5%	3.3%
Nelson	1,995	2,020	2,035	1,922	1,937	1,937	73	83	98	3.7%	4.1%	4.8%
Pembina	5,672	5,238	5,115	5,122	4,914	4,713	550	324	402	9.7%	6.2%	7.9%
Walsh	8,276	8,276	8,113	7,856	7,926	7,757	420	350	356	5.1%	4.2%	4.4%
REGION 4	52,818	52,090	52,294	50,399	50,051	50,228	2,419	2,039	2,066	4.6%	3.9%	4.0%
Cass	60,808	60,677	60,037	59,330	59,392	58,402	1,478	1,285	1,635	2.4%	2.1%	2.7%
Ransom	2,918	2,870	2,764	2,845	2,798	2,699	73	72	65	2.5%	2.5%	2.4%
Richland	9,370	9,289	8,649	8,988	8,942	8,252	382	347	397	4.1%	3.7%	4.6%
Sargent	2,713	2,679	2,570	2,667	2,620	2,481	46	59	89	1.7%	2.2%	3.5%
Steele	1,253	1,270	1,253	1,217	1,239	1,195	36	31	58	2.9%	2.4%	4.6%
Traill	4,600	4,525	4,485	4,350	4,311	4,287	250	214	198	5.4%	4.7%	4.4%
REGION 5	81,662	81,310	79,758	79,397	79,302	77,316	2,265	2,008	2,442	2.8%	2.5%	3.1%

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	July 1988	June 1988	July 1987	July 1988	June 1988	July 1987	July 1988	June 1988	July 1987	July 1988	June 1988	July 1987
Barnes	6,470	6,499	6,208	6,249	6,270	5,983	221	229	225	3.4%	3.5%	3.6%
Dickey	3,250	3,284	3,375	3,165	3,179	3,230	85	105	145	2.6%	3.2%	4.3%
Foster	2,284	2,232	2,229	2,211	2,156	2,123	73	76	106	3.2%	3.4%	4.8%
Griggs	1,572	1,600	1,564	1,536	1,566	1,531	36	34	33	2.3%	2.1%	2.1%
La Moure	2,543	2,492	2,578	2,464	2,426	2,491	79	66	87	3.1%	2.6%	3.4%
Logan	1,524	1,527	1,509	1,500	1,496	1,471	24	31	38	1.6%	2.0%	2.5%
McIntosh	2,368	2,409	2,316	2,340	2,371	2,268	28	38	48	1.2%	1.6%	2.1%
Stutsman	12,662	12,635	12,215	12,242	12,261	11,701	420	374	514	3.3%	3.0%	4.2%
Wells	3,039	3,016	3,060	2,899	2,857	2,903	140	159	157	4.6%	5.3%	5.1%
REGION 6	35,712	35,694	35,054	34,606	34,582	33,701	1,106	1,112	1,353	3.1%	3.1%	3.9%
Burleigh	33,547	33,443	32,603	32,233	32,115	31,176	1,314	1,328	1,427	3.9%	4.0%	4.4%
Emmons	2,280	2,308	2,295	2,197	2,220	2,189	83	88	106	3.6%	3.8%	4.6%
Grant	2,078	2,093	2,032	2,011	2,026	1,955	67	67	77	3.2%	3.2%	3.3%
Kidder	1,613	1,628	1,613	1,538	1,547	1,503	75	81	110	4.6%	5.0%	6.8%
McLean	4,593	5,110	5,081	4,304	4,824	4,826	289	286	255	6.3%	5.6%	5.0%
Mercer	5,681	5,822	5,550	5,349	5,485	5,218	332	337	332	5.8%	5.8%	6.0%
Morton	12,436	12,353	11,998	11,810	11,767	11,423	626	586	575	5.0%	4.7%	4.8%
Oliver	1,228	1,232	1,158	1,139	1,161	1,108	89	71	50	7.2%	5.8%	4.3%
Sheridan	1,297	1,266	1,218	1,246	1,212	1,160	51	54	58	3.9%	4.3%	4.8%
Sioux	1,399	1,444	1,387	1,246	1,292	1,289	153	152	98	10.9%	10.5%	7.1%
REGION 7	66,152	66,699	64,935	63,073	63,649	61,847	3,079	3,050	3,088	4.7%	4.6%	4.8%
Adams	1,830	1,757	1,785	1,800	1,728	1,736	30	29	49	1.6%	1.7%	2.7%
Billings	1,195	983	828	1,179	961	796	16	22	32	1.3%	2.2%	3.9%
Bowman	2,252	2,280	2,212	2,185	2,223	2,121	67	57	91	3.0%	2.5%	4.1%
Dunn	1,894	1,840	1,860	1,742	1,704	1,712	152	136	148	8.0%	7.4%	8.0%
Golden Valley	1,095	1,038	1,069	1,069	1,014	1,041	26	24	28	2.4%	2.3%	2.6%
Hettinger	2,039	2,058	2,005	1,953	1,975	1,899	86	83	106	4.2%	4.0%	5.3%
Slope	495	490	481	488	473	448	7	17	33	1.4%	3.5%	6.9%
Stark	12,021	12,096	11,948	11,513	11,583	11,243	508	513	705	4.2%	4.2%	5.9%
REGION 8	22,821	22,542	22,188	21,929	21,661	20,996	892	881	1,192	3.9%	3.9%	5.4%
STATE TOTAL	339,116	337,699	333,346	325,229	324,407	317,865	13,887	13,292	15,481	4.1%	3.9%	4.6%

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which includes the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often called the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all stages of processing. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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